Name of the Hostel	No. of suites	Addresses
2. Bombay	10 (Church Gate) 17 (Nappean Sea Road)	101, M.R. Road, Pratishtha Bhavan, Bombay-400020.
3. Calcutta	52	234/4, Acharyo J.C. Bose Road, Calcutta-700020.
4. Madras	10	26-Haddows Road, 1st floor, Shastry Bhavan, Madras-600006
5. Bangalore	5	Touring Officers' Guest House, Domlur, Bangalore.

Suggestions from States regarding Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

296. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 705 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received suggestions from the States regarding amendments to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if not, the details of the defaulting State Governments; and

(c) the details of follow-up action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Those State Governments, where the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is applicable, were requested in September, 1996 to give their suggestions for amending the Act. The Govt, has since received suggestions regarding amendments to the Act from the State Governments of Karnataka, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Union "territories or Chandigarh and Pondicherry.

An Inter-Governmental Committee was constituted in December, 1996 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (UD) with a view to suggest amendments to the Act. The representatives of a few selected States namely Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Delhi and concerned Dcpartments/Agen-cies of the Central Government were represented on this Committee and their suggestions have been considered by the Committee. The Inter-Governmental Committee has submitted its report in April, 1997, suggesting amendments to various provisions of the Act.

(b) The State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, and Punjab have not forwarded their suggestions, so far.

(c) The recommendations made by the Inter-Governmental Committee and the suggestions received from State Government for making amendments to the Act are under consideration of the Government.

Scarcity of Water in Ashok Vihar

297. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: